

## **REMARKS**

### **Claim Status**

Claims 5, 6, 12, 13, 19-53, 55, and 58-65 are pending in the application. This paper amends claims 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 23, 25, 26, and 55; and cancels claims 1-4, 7-11, 14-18, 54, 56, and 57. Claims 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 23, 25-27, 42, 55, 58, 62, 63, and 65 are the independent claims of the application.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant gratefully acknowledges allowance of claims 27-53 and 58-66, and notification of allowable subject matter in claims 5, 6, 12, 13, 19-26, and 55. Claims 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 23, 25, 26, and 55 have been rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of their base claims and intervening claims, if any. (Note that a minor clerical error has been corrected in claim 23, where the word “second” was stricken from the second to last paragraph.) Consequently, these claims should now be allowable. Claims 20-22 and 24 depend from allowable base claims, and therefore should now also be allowable.

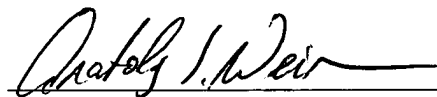
**CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that all pending claims are allowable. To discuss any matter pertaining to the instant application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (858) 720-9431.

Having made an effort to bring the application in condition for allowance, a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Anatoly S. Weiser", written over a horizontal line.

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